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Civil Liberties: Don't Burn The Barn

PROTECTION of traditional U. S. civil liberties may well become a more difficult task in the years just ahead than during the late and unlamented era of McCarthyism.

Despite the fevered arm flapping desk thumping and eye fellowing witch hunters, the nation's constitutional guarantees of civil liberty and freedom of thought and belief did not undergo any panicky tinkering. It was finally decided upon wise heads that the Communist issue was a case of care without burning down the barn.

Because it represents subversion in a particularly wily form, communism is still a problem in the United States. The new "soft" line adopted by U. S. Communists in September makes it more of a problem than ever, in fact. This is the line that confesses the "error" of "left-sectarianism" which appears to mean a fanatical devotion to the political interests of Soviet Russia—and assumes the disguise of "just another socialist-oriented American political party."

"Their new line," Judge Harold R. Medina said recently, "is more dangerous than the subversive one of the past. The really dangerous ones in the hard core center have simply changed their strategy; it would be a very grave mistake for America to become less vigilant." But Judge Medina added at one point "I'd rather see every Communist go scot free than abandon, dilute or diminish a single one of our constitutional freedoms, and that includes the Fifth Amendment."

An excellent analysis of the new Communist line and the problem it poses for defenders of civil liberties has just been prepared by Walter Mills, who was for many years assistant chief editorial writer of the New York Times Herald Tribune, the nation's leading Republican newspaper. It was published in pamphlet form this week by the Fund for the Republic.

The Communist Committee's "draft resolution" adopted in mid-September "provides interesting confirmation of the party's character as a conspiratorial

agent of the Soviet Union" says Mr. Mills, and "indicates the extent to which the new policies have been devised as a means of escaping the consequences." But Mr. Mills warns that the new Communist group into "just another American political party." There is reportedly a renewal of Communist activity on college campuses and in those labor organizations where Reds have retained a beachhead. The possible consequences are obvious.

Like Judge Medina, Mr. Mills recognizes the double danger of U. S. communism's new look.

"It seems obvious," he writes, "that the new policies, with their assumption of legal democracy and a more American outlook, would in any event be likely to raise again many of the civil liberties issues which have proved so difficult in the recent past."

The Communist Party has promised to undertake "a new extension of the struggle to defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights." Those who are genuinely and deeply interested in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights thus have a right to be disturbed. They are facing some insidious would-be allies.

The Constitution, however, must impede driving big automobiles, whether Communist or not. We have no natural and God-given immunity to the evils it is intended to prevent. As Mr. Mills points out, these evils have grown to colossal proportions in other great areas of the earth and could conceivably appear in our own community unless more than lip-service is given to the basic principles which the Constitution enshrines:

"The limitations of power, the reign of law, and the protections of due process to preserve the individual against the tyranny of the state, to maintain the freedom of thought, of belief and of speech without which a people cannot hope either to know the road it is traveling or shape its own destinies."

Communist subterfuge must not be permitted to infect our loyalties to these traditional precepts.

Give Us A Christmas Present, Please

PUBLICITY will be the chief vehicle of Mecklenburg's fourth annual pedestrian safety program.

The aim of a program of radio spots and newspaper stories is simple: To ask you please to watch where you're going in the jungle of traffic that grows out of Christmas shopping.

But even so simple an idea is difficult to put and keep in your head. For the Christmas shopper goes about in haste, blinded in front by a cargo of packages and distracted from the rear by little people straying hither and yon in search of goodies, gimmicks and gimmes. Two eyes aren't sufficient really, but then that's all you have, and you have to make do.

Weave in store aisles if you're alone. Bump into fellow shoppers. Trod an oc-

casional toe. You can always apologize. Do not do blunder blindly into the streets, please. Apologies won't mend broken or hurt hospital bills or till stockings on Christmas eve.

The Christmas shopper has as much right to be in the street, of course, as a motorist. But the motorist generally doesn't believe it, and this is no time to argue with moving automobiles.

Now here's a real bargain for you: You remember this little plea that you watch where you're going, and you won't have to read or listen to all the other reminders the police, press and radio are going to lecture.

You won't have time for the others. Just remember this one and that will be a nice present for us.

Pave The Road To Love With Silence

AS A contribution to the advancement of diplomatic relations between the sexes, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING offers a tenderly thoughtful little item this month on "How To Compliment A Man" without embarrassing him.

For instance, slattery can "make him feel it's his taste you're lauding" by asking, "Would you mind telling me where you get your ties—they're always so perfect."

Or you make him feel courageous: "I'm so glad to see you have one of the

flat-top hats. I hear everyone in New York is wearing them."

And so on.

Frankly, we cannot think of a more exquisite method of completely unnerving our heroes.

But it is a common female failing to suppose that hearts are won by garrulous flattery linking sensible American males to Italian shoes and Madison Avenue faddism.

The road to a man's love is not paved with talk but with strategic silences. George Jean Nathan was right. A man admires a woman not for what she says, but for what she listens to.

From The Greensboro Daily News

SOAP FLAKES ARE SOAK FLAKES

LIFE is sometimes exactly what it looks like instead of what Man, in his infinite dreaming, wants it to look like.

Nobody knows this fact better than Frances Gray Patton's doughty and realistic school teacher, the heroine of her GOOD MORNING, MISS DOWE. Miss Dove had no patience with the kind of "progressive education" that encouraged children to "express themselves." When she had her first-grade pupils draw pictures of robins, she expected them to look like robins, not like each child's individual idea of a robin.

As Mrs. Patton wrote: "She knew exactly how a robin looked and saw no sense in permitting her pupils to rely upon their own observations. All the first-grade robins would look alike. Which was as it should be. Which was true of robins everywhere." Miss Dove was concerned with facts, not with artistic impressions."

A recent TALK OF THE TOWN in the New Yorker magazine introduced a youngster who would have felt quite at home in Miss Dove's classes. "A kindergarten teacher putting her charges through a psychological test," reports the New Yorker, "set them to work carving soap. 'Panda, dog, man,

table, tree, gun, car,' she wrote as the tots told her what they were making. Then she came to a lad whose work appeared to defy description. 'What's this?' she asked. 'Soap flakes,' said he.

No imagination here, you see. Just hard, cold facts. This lad looked at life and saw it for what it was. Soap flakes were soap flakes—not falling snow or vanilla ice cream or dog or man or tree. This young man will hardly grow up into a novelist or an artist or an automobile salesman. Perhaps he will become an atomic scientist. Certainly he is a fine potential student of state. He faces facts and does not look at shattered soap flakes through rose-colored glasses.

Nothing can blot out a man's good deeds like announcing for public office. —LESLIEVILLE (GA.) SUN.

Every year it takes less time to fly across the ocean, and longer to drive to the office. —SPANKS (GA.) EAGLE.

New Zealand's own bird lays an egg a quarter its size weight. Sounds like you're off our politicians or TV comedians. —RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER.

People's Platform Unintimidated Workers Choose Unions, 8 To 1

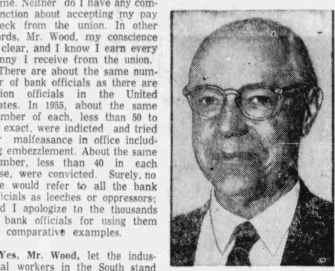
Neither do I have any compunction about accepting my pay check from the union. In other words, Mr. Wood, my conscience is clear, and I know I earn every penny I receive from the union.

There are about the same number of bank officials as there are union officials in the United States. In 1955, about the same number of each, less than 50 in each case, were indicted and tried for malfeasance in office including embezzlement. About the same number, less than 40 in each case, were convicted. Surely, no one would refer to all the bank officials as loaches or oppressors, and I apologize to the thousands of bank officials for using them as comparative examples.

Yes, Mr. Wood, let the industrial workers in the South stand up for their rights, free from any coercion or intimidation from any source, and in at least 85 per cent of the National Labor Relations Board conducted elections they will vote for the union.

By the way, Mr. Wood, what business are you engaged in? You neglected to say in your letter of Dec. 10.

—CAREY E. HAIGLER, Regional, Region 5, AFL-CIO



ROBERT A. TAFT He Changed His Law

Unions is a grouping of people with common interests and aims for mutual benefit and well-being, that the common welfare of the group may be better served and generally cared for.

I have been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, for over 10 years and I am very proud of every minute of this wonderful association that I have enjoyed in that group. The mutual benefits and personal gratification that I have derived from this association with others in my craft are too numerous to even attempt to enumerate in this letter.

It is true that, North Carolina is 46th in per capita income and that only 8.3 per cent of the people that work with their hands as well as their minds for a living are members of a trade union. It is also true that industry is moving into the two Carolinas at an ever-in-

creasing pace, in order to take full advantage of the aforementioned facts. It is also true that as sure as day follows night the people that man new industries all ready here will avail themselves of the only sure means available to them, self-protection and the right to hold their heads up as free men, and join in the trade union movement.

The only true proof of the pudding is in the eating. The manufacturers of this area ship in raw materials, manufacturing them with cheap labor, then ship out the finished products to other parts of the country that are unionized and the ordinary man in the street, because of unionization, has enough purchasing power to buy the products.

We in the construction trades are more fortunate than others, such as those in the manufacturing industries, in that we enjoy higher wages and better working conditions, arrived at through collective bargaining. But even we are grossly underpaid in comparison with all other parts of the great country of ours and apparently Mr. Wood would like it so.

Mr. Wood further makes the observation that Mr. Haigler, regional director of District 5, AFL-CIO, is a leech and unable to produce an honest day's work by the sweat of his brow. For Mr. Wood's information, being a union official, being a member of the electrical industry, arrived at through secret ballot elections, is one of the most demanding positions of any executive in this great free enterprise system of ours. This is so to a great extent because of people like Mr. Wood.

I have never been an official in my own union. The great responsibility leaves very little time for a personal church work, friends or family. I have a great respect and admiration for any man that will so unselfishly and completely unashamedly give of his person and his mind for the benefit of his fellowman the way Mr. Haigler and countless other do.

Of this I am certain: If the views and opinions of Mr. Wood and others like him should prevail in the two Carolinas for the next decade, this state will have done a very grave injustice, the harm will be immeasurable, and the state may very well be retarded beyond redemption.

—W. T. BARBER

Thurmond's Choice: Interesting Picture

THE WASHINGTON AP story claiming that Sen. Strom Thurmond will fight for the appointment of South Carolina attorney Robert McFiege to replace retiring Fourth Circuit Judge Armstrong M. Dobie poses interesting possibilities.

Should McFiege get the appointment, which would be over the strong protests of segregation senators, the picture of a segregationist Circuit Court judge handing down desegregation decisions, which any judge will of necessity have to do, will be most interesting. I will have to see, a South Carolinian long battling for the ancient customs and ways of the old days. —JOHN BLACKSTONE

Stevenson Thanks News For Editorial

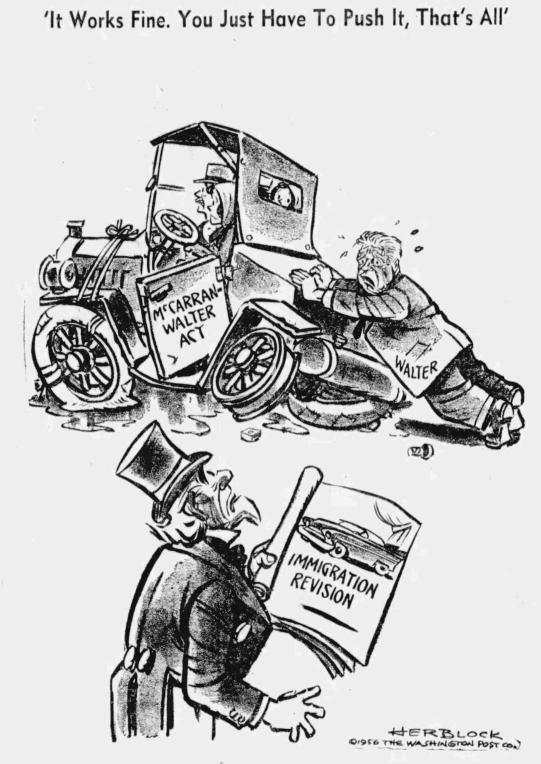
CHICAGO Editors, The News: I never so many thanks for that editorial. If I troubled the nation's sleep a little, I am content! And I am both touched and flattered by your article. I am glad to see "Stevenson: Prophet Without Office." Nov. 9. —ADLAI E. STEVENSON

Nation Was Founded On Principle Of Union

MR. W. S. WOOD of Guilford College apparently has no idea whatsoever of the true meaning of unionism.

This great country of ours was founded on union and the principle of union has been the guiding principle of our entire population from that time on. Whenever this principle takes the form of an association such as the National Association of Manufacturers, a professional society such as a national engineering society, a guild such as the Actors Guild, a group such as the American Guild

It Works Fine. You Just Have To Push It, That's All!



HERBLOCK OFF THE MAINSTREAM PPT ON

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON Two tough and effective battlers for Adlai Stevenson got tough with each other at the opening of the new Democratic Club in Washington, D. C.

Private Club For some time the Republicans have had a private club across the street from the old House Office Building on been clubless. The Democratic women have had a most active and enterprising club for years, so finally Charley Murphy, former counsel to Harry Truman, sparked a Democratic men's club in the Hamilton Hotel.

Kidding Joe As it opened, Steve Spingarn, able ex-commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission, accosted Joe Raub, head of Americans for Democratic Action.

"I didn't know you were a Democrat," boomed Steve. He then proceeded to kid Joe about ADA.

Invitation To Alley "I'm forming an organization called NADA—no ADA," teased Spingarn. He was joking, but Raub took him seriously.

"You dirty yellow..." he shot back, and invited Spingarn into the alley. He

Two Tough Demos Square Off For Fight

kept calling him names and challenging him to fight.

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Refugee Reports President Eisenhower gave able Tracy Voorhees a personal pep talk about handling Hungarian refugees. Ike urged Voorhees, a Truman appointee as assistant secretary of the Army, to do a dramatic job of showing the world how America helps Hungarians while Russia slaughters them.

Private Charity He also expressed the conviction that private enterprise applies to charitable activity. He hopes private charities will take the lead in helping displaced Hungarians.

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guest the head of the Domestic Servants Union of Peru.

Former Cook She had formerly worked as a cook for the American Embassy.

Big Response Meany was the first top-ranking U. S. labor leader to tour Latin America on a good-will mission, and the response was overwhelming. Workers turned out by the thousands to greet a great man who, though a workers' representative, was important enough to merit diplomatic receptions at U. S. embassies and official appointments with presidents and foreign ministers.

Ammunition Thanks to the Soviet blood-bath in Hungary, Meany let loose some effective ammunition against communism in lands where resistance to communism by the thousands is sometimes flagged. Coming from Meany, it had far more impact than it had if it had come from an American diplomat.

Two Tactics If they do so, the Soviets can adopt either of two tactics. They

can, if they will, make a Carthagenian peace, in effect destroying Hungary as a nation. But they cannot half-destroy Hungary. A tactic of limited frightfulness is the seems possible that an effective, nationwide guerrilla movement will be organized there.

THE ALTERNATIVE There are obvious reasons why the Soviets may hesitate to adopt a tactic of total frightfulness. The Germans in the end adopted throughout the German wartime empire. It is to try to hold only in this great free enterprise system of ours. This is so to a great extent because of people like Mr. Wood.

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